

COUNTY TRANSITION OVERSIGHT PANEL

April 10, 2024

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Mary Rideout, Darcy Smith, Tyler Young, Kate Gardner and Linda Conlon.

Committee Members Absent: Tina Smigielski and Tracy Ferarro

Call to Order: Chair Young called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The meeting has been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve agenda: Motion by Gardner/Conlon to approve the agenda. Feest clarified that the roof repair in 6C is for the Human Service Center. All aye; motion carried.

Approve minutes from March 26, 2024: Motion by Smith/Conlon to approve the minutes from March 26, 2024 with changes as discussed. All aye; motion carried.

Public Comment: Elizabeth Lynch, HSC Employee, expressed concern that there has not been a discussion about the outpatient clinic and requested that a decision is made sooner rather than later. Lynch stated that the negative articles in the paper need to stop.

Empower My Recovery engagement agreement – Feest reported that she has been contacted by Dr. Hoffnung of Empower My Recovery and he expressed an interest in providing services in the Oneida County area. Empower My Recovery is a virtual MAT provider for therapy and prescriptions. Feest reported that the mobile unit is operational at this time and they would like to look at a contract with Oneida County. Conlon asked for a list of other counties that are working with this provider. Gardner reported that Vilas County works with an agency out of Brown County that will be providing this service daily to the Vilas County jail and local residents. Discussion regarding the funding of the MAT program and ensuring that it is a consistent service for the patients.

Koinonia Facility Repairs:

- Young reported that he spoke with the Oneida County Administration Committee this week looking for approval to fund a study request. There was a discussion about Young bringing the request to the HSC Administration Committee to approve sending it to the HSC Board for approval. Young reported that a proposal has been received from Hunter Engineering and Design for \$7500, however, the study would not be completed until July. A proposal has also been received from MSA regarding completing a study for \$7600 and they would be able to begin the study by next week. Motion by Young to present the MSA proposal with any changes made to the HSC Administration Committee on April 11 with it to go to the HSC Board on April 17 for approval. Seconded by Smith. All aye; motion carried.
- Hasleton reported that during the last snowfall there was a leak discovered and a quote was received from Oneida Roof and Chimney with two options for repair. Hasleton reported that this will also be going to the HSC Administration Committee tomorrow afternoon. Young stated that he would recommend approving option 2 on the quote which would be a more thorough repair of the roof. Discussion regarding the repair coming out of the building repair fund which as of January 1st has approximately \$388,000. Motion by Young to make the recommendation to the HSC Administration Committee to go with the \$14,300 quote from

Oneida County Roof and Chimney with the funds to come from the \$388,000 Building Funds. Seconded by Conlon. Smith and Rideout questioned if a second proposal should be requested. Young stated that the Oneida County Buildings and Grounds department is looking at the existing roof. All aye; motion carried.

- Feest asked for clarification on how requests should be handled in the future. Young asked that future requests are brought to the panel and they will then be forwarded to the HSC committees and board for approval. Feest asked if the Oneida County Buildings and Grounds could assume the project management for the proposed projects and future projects. Young stated that this will be taken to the County Facilities Committee and brought back at a future meeting to discuss.

Social Services and Human Services Consolidation:

- Creation of Work Groups – Rideout reported that there has been a staffing work group setup for next week that will be looking at the salary and benefits. Finance Workgroup has been scheduled and will need to be posted. Rideout reported that the crisis workgroup is being looked into and they are looking for staff interested in serving on that workgroup. Rideout reported that she has spoken with Oneida County Buildings and Grounds and they don't feel that a formal workgroup is necessary at this time. Rideout reported that she has been working on a list of workgroups and will provide that to the committee in the future. Smith requested the payroll calendar for HSC for the first meeting of the Finance Workgroup.
- Future steps – Rideout stated that they are wanting to have more staff that doing the jobs be involved in the work groups. Rideout stated that they are not looking at any major changes to the services that are being provided for 2025 and the structure will remain very similar to the current structure.

Review Information received from the Human Service Center

- Haselton provided the final 2023 financial report that shouldn't change unless the auditors make a change during the audit which shows a surplus of \$334,586.00.
- Haselton provided a financial update for 2024 which is showing a deficit of around \$679,000 and he anticipates that continuing for a few months yet and is largely due to programming volume and hospitalizations. Haselton gave an overview of the hospitalizations and funding process. Haselton reported that they see about 48% of expenditures reimbursed from the state, however, that can take time.

Dates and Times for future agenda/meetings: The next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at 2:00 p.m. at the HSC.

Young adjourned the meeting 2:42 p.m.